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cc

Subject RE: Hovefields weekend demonstration

Dear Carla

As promised the following statement from Hovefields residents:

"We witnessed at separate times during the demonstration on Saturday 8th April 2006 a small group of approximately 15/20 people standing at various positions on the mound of earth surrounding the evicted plots at Five Acres in Hovefields Drive. Some of whom were holding pick-axes, shovels and a home made protest banner. Some appeared to be moving the soil and digging to enable access to the plots. These people seemed to be surveying the bunding in a manner which would suggest that they were planning re-occupation which was later confirmed by the reporter Jon Austin of the Evening Echo who spoke to Hovefields resident David Walsh to confirm that Mr Grattan Puxon, the main campaigner and spokesperson for the travellers, had stated that they have every intention to return with diggers to re-occupy the evicted sites."

The above quote has been witnessed by:  
Derek Mace  
Lee Clark  
William Palmer  
Richard Carter  
All residents of Hovefields.

Kind regards

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Subject Mr Puxon demonstration Hovefields Area Saturday 8 April 2006

The following is an account of events as I understand them ref the above. Mr Jon Austin, a reporter for the Echo Newspaper, telephoned me at my home early evening Saturday 8 April 2006. Mr Austin asked me what I thought of the demonstration that had occurred earlier that day and asked me if I would give him a quote. I explained that I did not know anything about the demonstration as I had been out all day. Mr Austin advised me as follows

Mr Puxon and some of his acquaintances had carried out a demonstration in Hovefields Drive local to several plots that had been cleared recently by Basildon Council. The demonstrators were demanding that the owners of the land should be allowed access to their land which was obstructed by the mounding around the plot edges. He advised me that the demonstrators had banners and shovels and that they had made attempts to dig an access into one of the cleared plots.

He further advised that Mr Puxon stated that his demonstration was only a dry run and that he intended to return with diggers and plant equipment to clear the mounding with the intention of clearing access to the plots to allow the owners of the land to reoccupy it.

I stated to Mr Austin that Mr Puxon had a perfect right to demonstrate and publicise his views. I also stated that I would urge the Council to consider applying for a Court Injunction to prevent any reoccupation and redevelopment as the Planning procedures had run their course and that any reoccupation would, in my view, be in contempt of these proceedings. I advised Mr Austin that he could quote me.

Further to this conversation I e/mailed Mr Malcolm Buckley, Basildon Council

Leader, on behalf of the Hovefields Residents Association, expressing our concern and requesting him to consider applying for a Court Injunction. I

sent this e/mail on Sunday 9 April 2006.  
This concludes my account of these events.

Regards  
David Walsh